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SUBJECT: PORT VISIT TO MOCAMEDES, 31 JANUARY - 1 FEBRUARY 1975

REF: YOUR 280940Z JAN 75

1. PORT VISIT TO MOCAMEDES IS CONFIRMED.

2. THE POLITICAL SITUATION HERE IS GETTING QUITE TENSE AND THERE HAS BEEN TROUBLE BETWEEN FNLA AND THE MPLA. THE FNLA SHUT DOWN THE OFFICIAL RADIO STATION A FEW DAYS AGO AND BEAT UP THE LEFTIST ASSISTANT DIRECTOR. TODAY, JANUARY 28, THE OFFICIAL RADIO STATION ANNOUNCED THAT AN AMERICAN SHIP CALLED APPOLLO WOULD BE DOCKING IN LUANDA ON JANUARY 29 AND URGED A MASSIVE DEMONSTRATION AGAINST IT AND CALLED UPON THE PORT WORKERS TO DENY ALL SERVICES TO IT. LEFTISTS IN THE RADIO STATION APPARENTLY ASSUMED THAT THE SHIP IS THE SAME ONE OVER WHICH THERE WERE PROBLEMS IN MADEIRA A FEW MONTHS AGO, WHICH WAS ASSOCIATED IN THE POPULAR PRESS WITH THE CIA. THE APOLLO THAT CAME HERE IS A
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GREEK PASSENGER/FREIGHTER. SHE GOT AWAY WITHOUT INCIDENT, BUT ONLY

AFTER UNITA TROOPS SATISFIED THEMSELVES THAT A 72 YEAR OLD
DEBARKING PASSENGER WAS NOT A CIA AGENT. THE UNITA SOLDIERS SAID
THEY HAD BEEN SENT TO THE SHIP TO GET THERE BEFORE MPLA ELEMENTS
WHO PROBABLY WOULD HAVE INSTIGATED ANOTHER DOCK STRIKE.

3. AS WE REPORTED IN AN EARLIER CABLE, MOCAMEDES IS FAR
REMOVED FROM THE POLITICAL AGITATION OF LUANDA AND WE DOUBT THAT
YOU WILL HAVE ANY PROBLEMS WHEN YOU ARRIVE IN PORT. YOU SHOULD
KEEP IN MIND, HOWEVER, THAT THE SITUATION DURING THE NEXT FEW
DAYS WILL BE VERY UNSTABLE. WE WILL ADVISE YOU IMMEDIATELY OF
ANY DEVELOPMENTS THAT MIGHT AFFECT YOUR ABILITY TO DOCK.

4. WE HAVE RECEIVED YOUR 261530Z JAN 75. EVERYTHING IS BEING
ARRANGED.
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